



City of Cincinnati Board of Health Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Room 324

Mr. Robinson, Chair of the Board Finance Committee, called the March 7, 2018 Finance Committee meeting to order at 3:02.

Roll Call

Board of Health members present: Ronald Robinson, Kate Schroder

Senior Staff present: Robert Schlanz

Ex-Officio Members present: Joyce Tate, Assistant Health Commissioner and Marilyn Crumpton, Interim Health Commissioner

Topic	Discussion	Action/Motion	Responsible Party
Approval of Minutes	The Committee Chair asked the Committee members if everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes. The committee members responded affirmatively.	The Committee approved and accepted the minutes as distributed.	Ronald Robinson
Dashboard Review/ Financial Update	Mr. Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and clarified that this was a special meeting that was called to review the progress on budget process that Mr. Schlanz has been working on per the budget instructions from the City budget office. The first deadline is this Friday. Mr. Schlanz shared that he has gone through the whole budget, line by line, and now just needs to finish the 395 fund and finalize the revenue projections. Mr. Schlanz reviewed the		Robert Schlanz

	<p>structurally balanced budget amounts for both the 2018 budget and the 2019 budget including the general fund amounts. Mr. Schlantz shared that in the past ten years the department has taken cuts every year and has cut almost half of its general fund positions. He also said that it is simply not possible to take another two million dollar reduction this year without impacting the services the department provides. Mr. Schlantz explained that per the Ohio Department of Health, the services that we currently provide that are not required by law for a health department are our health centers. This is why these services are recommended to be cut in the proposed reduction scenarios. Scenario one includes savings from closing two health centers and the community nursing program. Scenario two proposes the possibility of negotiating a one-time million dollar transfer of reserves. The Committee was clear that closing health centers was not an option. The Committee went on to discuss provider productivity and revenue projections and the possible restructuring of the community nursing program. Ms. Tate and Ms. Carter were able to answer questions about their respective providers and revenue projections. Dr. Mooney was able to give insight into the</p>		
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	<p>billing issues with the community nursing program and possible solutions/restructuring. The Committee suggested several strategies for motivating the staff and generating ideas. The Committee also discussed the suggestion of a grants development office as a long term recommendation.</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to have more conversation but were in clear agreement that scenario two coupled with the restructuring of the community nursing program and increased provider productivity is the most viable budget reduction plan for the department at this time.</p>	
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Meeting Adjourned 5:11 p.m.
Next Meeting March 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Vicky Minnich